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25X1 I. [redacted] an order issued on 10 February 1953 by Willi Stoph, Minister of the Interior, according to which railroad transportation officers of the Kasernierte Volkspolizei were to be posted at the Berlin-Ostbahnhof, Leipzig, Dessau, Halle, Erfurt, Dresden, Pasewalk, and Stralsund railroad stations.<sup>1</sup>

25X1 2. [redacted] Erwin Kramer, Director General, Railroads, Berlin, was  
25X1 ordered to report to the SCC in Karlshorst. [redacted] Kramer resumed his  
25X1 duties at the Directorate General. [redacted] Kramer was interrogated at the  
SCC about his differences with Deputy Director General Richard Steimer and was  
reproached with being responsible for the flight to the west of departmental chief  
Kalinowski (fnu). Kramer is said to have replied that it was the brutal policy  
pursued by Steimer and his lack of knowledge of railroad matters that  
were inducing the best railroad experts to flee to the west. Kalinowski, chief of  
the Locomotive Department at the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin, fled to  
West Berlin on 2 February.<sup>2</sup>

25X1 3. [REDACTED]  
25X1 [REDACTED] the suggestion regarding the establishment of a Ministry of Railroads would probably be approved.<sup>3</sup>

25X1 [ ] Comment. The establishment of VP transportation control headquarters was also reported from the Greifswald railroad district. [ ] In connection with the remilitarization of East Germany it appears credible that VP BTGs are to be posted at important railroad stations.

25X1 [ ] Comment. In connection with the establishment of an East German Ministry of Railroads after the Soviet pattern it is possible that Kramer, a railroad expert, will be replaced by a party man. [ ] Kalinowski, who is supposedly a railroad expert, was chief of the locomotive department at the Directorate General, Railroads, Berlin. The information on his flight to the west requires confirmation.

25X1 [redacted] Comment: Information on the intended reorganization of the Directorate  
25X4 General, railroads, Berlin, was transmitted previously. [redacted]

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